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Mr. Weisberg:

My name is Donna Davis and I am a part-time student at the University of Evansville in southern Indiana. For the past 3 years I have been reading and researching various aspects of the JFK assassination. My progress has been quite slow due to many factors, however, I am now prepared to utilize all my energy toward learning everything I can concerning the assassination.

I spent the past week at the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, working with the vast Assassinations Collection, and also had the distinct honor of spending much time with Professor David Wrone. I have come away an 'enlightened person'. We spoke about the many books available on the topic, and through our discussions, I discovered that I have been 'taken' by so many of the 'irresponsible' critics. He told me of the exhaustive study you have been involved in for many years, and that you are one of the most knowledgable critics around. I watched the video tapes of the lectures you gave at the Assassination Symposium of 1975 at Stevens Point, as well as those of Roffman and Professor Wrone, and I must say that I enjoyed each one thoroughly. As I said before, I have done a complete turn around as far as how I used to view the "official" material. I never believed what the Warren Commission put out, but my knowledge of the documents available to justify that disbelief, has always been quite limited. And also, I have not, until this summer, truly put my best effort into the matter. I came away from my visit to Stevens Point with an incredible motivation to keep digging until I know everything there is.

As I said before, I am a part-time student at our local private University, where my husband is a Professor of Music (piano), and I got interested in the assassination through a History instructor who was offering a class titled "Mysteries of History". Although I have a Bachelor's degree in piano performance, I was searching for other possibly latent interests, and the title of this class stirred my curiosity. It turned out to be a class to deal primarily with the JFK assassination, as I'm sure you've heard before,

two class sessions, and I was hooked! That was spring of 1984, then we spent a year living abroad in Scotland on the Fulbright-Hays teacher exchange program. Since our return I have been doing alot of reading, but as I discovered through Professor Wrone, the wrong kind because I have been greatly influenced by the authors with bizarre 'theories' as to who did it. I now realize that no one can truly say they know who pulled the trigger, because it is not in the evidentiary base.

This brings me to the main purpose of this letter. I began reading as many pages of your Whitewash series as one week would allow while I was in Wisconsin, however, I by no means finished them. I am aware of the trouble you have had getting publishers to accept your manuscripts, and consequently, I have not been able to find the copies I desparately need for my research here in Evansville. I would like to know how I might purchase all 4 of your Whitewash books, Post-mortem, and Oswald in New Orleans, if this is even still possible. My public library system is very much lacking in materials, and the University library is only a bit more help in that they have the WR and the 26 volumes, as well as the 1978 investigation volumes. I ordered and purchased Professor Wrone's Bibliography, and that is how I knew of the materials at Stevens Point. It has been one of my best investments.

In the course of my time spent with Professor Wrone, I asked if he could perhaps help me with a project I have had in mind, and which now I am immersed in. I would like to compile a list of all the Dealey Plaza witnesses, and in a purely objective manner, list every important detail of their experience by researching the documents. I am using an Apple //c computer for my study, and with the immense capacity of the AppleWorks program, I will be able to list as many categories as I wish, to alphabetize, etc. Professor Wrone and I worked out the major categories to be included and of course, I will begin with the sources I have available to me at present, the 26 volumes, but I feel that having your books too, with the copies of documents you have fought so hard for, would greatly facilitate this project.

I will also be joining the Assassination Archives and Research Center in D.C., and will be in touch with Mr. Hawkins soon of the Collector's Archives concerning various films and slides.

Again, I must tell you I am very serious about all this and I believe the motivating factor is my recent discovery of how blind trust in the American Government is a mistake, and I am, frankly, quite angry about how little respect they have for a citizen's intelligence.

I would greatly appreciate any information from you about obtaining your books, and also, any comment you may have concerning my 'quest'. Thank you for taking the time to read this lengthy letter.

Sincerely,

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